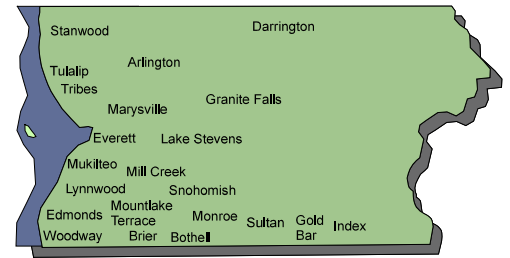


# Snohomish County Tomorrow

## *A GROWTH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL*



### STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Snohomish County East Administration Building – Public Meeting Room 1 (F103)

3000 Rockefeller, Everett WA 98201

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### Participating Jurisdictions/Members

Marysville	Co-Chair Jon Nehring
Mill Creek	Terry Ryan
Mountlake Terrace	Kyoko Matsumoto-Wright
Mountlake Terrace	Doug McCardle (alternate)
Snohomish	Vice-Chair Karen Guzak
Sultan	Steve Slawson
Lynnwood	Benjamin Goodwin
Everett	Allan Giffen (alternate)
Everett	Shannon Affholter
Bothell	Patrick Ewing
Snohomish County Council	Brian Sullivan
Snohomish County Council	Stephanie Wright
Granite Falls	Elizabeth Adams
Mukilteo	Jennifer Gregerson
Arlington	Barbara Tolbert
Darrington	Dan Rankin
Lake Stevens	Becky Ableman
Citizen Representative	Linda Hault
Citizen Representative	Linda Utgard
Citizen Representative	Cliff Strong
Community Advisory Board Representative	Bill Grosse

#### Other Attendees/Presenters:

SCT Coordinator	Cynthia Pruitt
Managers and Administrators Group	Larry Bauman
Snohomish County PDS	Lori Lollis
Bothell Planning	Bill Wiselogle
Citizen Representative Candidate	David Simpson
Citizen Representative Candidate	Merle Ash
Citizen Representative Candidate	Tom Norcott
Citizen Representative Candidate	Nick Gottuso
Citizen Representative Candidate	Tom LaBelle

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Co-chair Jon Nehring.

**1.a. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken.

**1.b. Citizen Comments**

No comments were offered.

**1.c. Approval of Minutes (02/01/12)**

Motion for approval as written of the meeting minutes of February 1, 2012, was made by Steve Slawson and seconded by Karen Guzak. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Update Items**

**2.a. PSRC Monthly Report for October**

The PSRC monthly report was provided in written format as part of the informational packet for this meeting.

**3. Action Items**

**3.a. Election of Steering Committee Officers for 2012**

Jon Nehring introduced the nominees for SCT officers and asked if there were any other nominations. Members filled out their ballots and submitted them. Tallying was done while the next action item was introduced.

Results of the vote were announced after 3.b. below:

Co-Chairs: Brian Sullivan and Terry Ryan

Vice-Chairs: Stephanie Wright and Jon Nehring

**3.b. Election of Citizen Representative to Steering Committee**

Jon Nehring asked each applicant for Citizen Representative to introduce themselves and describe why they wanted to be a member of the Steering Committee.

David Simpson introduced himself as a former Everett City Councilmember and State Representative. He currently serves on the Everett Committee for Housing and Community Development as well as the SCT Community Advisory Board. He is interested in planning-- how each community wants to bring change to their community. He wants to share his experience and have the opportunity to learn. There were no questions.

Merle Ash has nearly 40 years in land use of some sort. He has been 51 years in Snohomish County. He has worked in youth athletics. He has a small farm and lives in a farming community. He's active in Master Builders, Built Green and on the Farm Board. He brings a lot of different perspectives. There were no questions.

Tom Norcott has lived in the City of Everett for 26 years. He was with Scott Paper Company for 10 years as an accountant as well as with AT&T. He worked with Plum Creek Timber Company, also. He has a passion for giving back to the community. His experience with the Timber Company and as a land owner involved in the sustainable forest industry and land use would be valuable. He is chairman of one of the neighborhood associations in Everett and is on the

council of neighborhoods. He wants to be part of a forward looking group. There were no questions.

Tom LaBelle is a resident of Clearview in unincorporated Snohomish County. He has been a consultant in the telephone business and also in software development. He has been on a County wetlands committee as well as acted as a guardian ad litem. He is interested in this committee because he has lived in this community for 20 years and loves it. There were no questions.

Nick Gottuso has been a resident of Mukilteo for 8 years. He is Vice President of security information for HomeStreet Bank. He is chair of the Planning Committee for Mukilteo as well as chair for the YMCA Endowment Committee. He is, also, a board member for the Mukilteo Family YMCA. He has experience in the private and public sectors and enjoys the process of taking public input, and weighing facts and interests. There were no questions.

Members filled out their ballots and submitted them. Tallying was done while the next action item was introduced.

Results of the first ballot were announced after item 4.a. below. There was a tie between Merle Ash and Nick Gottuso. A second ballot was handed out; Mr. Nehring instructed members to vote for either Merle Ash or Nick Gottuso. The results were announced after item 4.b. Merle Ash was announced as the winner of the second vote.

### **3.c. Approval of Agenda Bill for Changes to the SCT Operating Guidelines**

Cynthia Pruitt introduced this Agenda Bill. The issues have been under discussion for four months; the changes shown in the Agenda Bill and Exhibit (1) are a result of that discussion. Some changes were approved by the Steering Committee October 26, 2011; those changes are shown in regular font, and underlined. Changes discussed since then are shown in all capitals.

The issues that these changes are based on are:

- 1) Shall we add text which clarifies how to appoint and/or nominate citizen representatives and CAB members?
- 2) Shall we add text which shows how vacancies for citizen representatives and CAB members should be advertised and how outreach to the community should occur in general? Related questions include:
  - a) Shall we seek nominations for citizen representatives and CAB members from the "audience" including any person attending a Steering Committee meeting?
  - b) Shall the positions be advertised similarly to Planning Commission vacancies so that the general public can apply?
- 3) Shall we add text to ensure that we thank the citizen representative whose term is expiring and ask if they want to be re-appointed?
- 4) Shall we show on name tents, rosters, etc., the geographic or interest area that the citizen representative has experience with (for example urban, or rural, and perhaps include the community they live in or represent – Lake Stevens, e.g....)?

- 5) Shall the language in Paragraph 2, page 2 of the Operating Guidelines be clarified to show that the new CAB position isn't a "citizen at large" but rather a CAB member?
- 6) Shall we add more clarification on how a citizen representative appointed in the case of a mid-term vacancy finishes out the rest of the term?
- 7) Shall citizen representatives be granted full or partial voting abilities?

The Executive Committee generally supports the changes coming out of questions 1-4. It is not recommending new language (questions 5 - 7 above). The Executive Committee did not recommend voting abilities for Citizen Representatives partly because the Steering Committee votes on members' assessments each year and that decision is indirectly related to taxing authority. That decision is best made by the elected representatives of SCT.

A Motion was made by Karen Guzak and seconded by Steve Slawson to approve the amendments as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Briefings/Discussion Items**

##### **4.a. Transportation Funding Update**

Charlie Howard of PSRC described major issues in surface transportation reauthorization. He said that there have been almost no changes since his presentation to the Steering Committee two years ago, though Congress has continued to put money into funds. PSRC allocates about \$180 million that flows through PSRC to local projects. He gave an overview of what is happening in Congress:

1. Overall Funding Amount
  - a. Both the Senate and House are proposing packages at roughly current levels going forward
  - b. The Senate is proposing a 2-year bill – 'Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' (MAP21)
  - c. The House is working on a 5-year bill—'American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act' (HR7)
2. Program Consolidation
  - a. Funding for seventy programs is being consolidated into 5 major programs
  - b. The Senate has the National Highway Performance, Transportation Mobility, Highway Safety Improvement, Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality, and National Freight Programs.
  - c. The House has the National Highway System, Surface Transportation, Highway Safety Improvement, and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality programs. (There are no specific programs for bridges.)
  - d. Standalones for Enhancements, Safe Routes to School, etc., are eliminated, but remain eligible at state and regional discretion
3. Sub-Allocation for Local Decision-Making
  - a. Both the Senate and the House bills include sub-allocations for metropolitan regions to select projects (Senate – Transportation Mobility and part of CMAQ, and House – Surface Transportation)
  - b. The Senate bill focuses on larger Metropolitan regions (over 200k), no grandfathering of smaller areas
  - c. The House bill changes the MPO threshold to 100k, but grandfathers in smaller projects with local/state option
4. Environmental Streamlining
  - a. Both the House and Senate bills include provisions to accelerate project delivery
5. Performance Requirements (e.g., setting goals for pavement and bridge infrastructure)

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- a. Both the House and Senate bills include requirements for performance-based planning
- b. National performance goals are established
- c. State/Local levels are expected to meet those goals; there is a process to implement and monitor national goals through the federal program
- d. The House has a “National Transportation Plan” as well

6. Possible Payment Methods

- a. Current trust funds have revenues less than the current levels of outlays – at current levels of expenditure, the Highway Trust Fund goes negative next year, and the Transit Trust Fund goes negative in 2015
- b. The Senate finds about \$12 billion of offsets (LUST plus others) to make up the 2 year shortfall
- c. The House has a larger shortfall to identify offsets – 5 years
  - i. Their plan directs Offshore Oil and Gas Revenues to Highway Trust Fund
  - ii. It puts the transit program into a new Alternative Transportation Account funded with a one-time transfer of General fund revenue – all gas tax is dedicated to highways

The “prognosis” is that there may be a stalemate heading into the election. The House will have trouble passing its bill. There is talk that the Senate may find compromises and pass theirs.

Mr. Nehring asked if there may be money available for street overlays. Mr. Howard replied that the PSRC board may dedicate 25% of the funds they receive and allocate to street overlays. In response to questions, Mr. Howard explained that the State of Washington gets about 12% of its overall funds from the federal government. It may be easier to get grants since the same money will be put in fewer programs and decisions on project funding will be made at the regional level, rather than state or national level.

The Obama administration came out with a budget that doubles everything Mr. Howard talked about; however, there is no proposed way to fund it.

Mr. Howard expects that Congress will take some kind of action in March.

**4.b. Inter-jurisdictional Housing Committee Update**

Becky Ableman reported that the County Council passed the Memorandum of Understanding. Seventeen committee members went through the first draft of the interlocal agreement at their meeting of December 14, 2011. They also discussed an interim work program. HASCO has offered a policy analyst to help each jurisdiction do a housing continuum profile. A potential budget was also discussed -- Mountlake Terrace staff is researching seed money. The Committee wants to bring the budget before councils in 2013. They are working in conjunction with the committee on the housing report required by CPP HO-5. The next meeting will be March 13, 2012.

**4.c. SCT Goals for 2012**

Cynthia Pruitt reported on the Executive Committee’s work on implementing the updated SCT Goal statement. She asked if there were any comments on the goals and action steps.

The Committee asked for the legislative talking points to be sent out again; Ms. Pruitt agreed to do so.

Jon Nehring, referring to the talking points, commented that the State legislature is considering budget cuts that would affect cities.

**4.d. Coordinator's Report**

Cynthia Pruitt reported that the contract for Alternative Dispute Resolution is soon to be signed. She promised to send the revised Final Work Program to the Steering Committee with their March agenda. The RFP for consultants to prepare a report on HO-5 has been advertised. That report will come to the Steering Committee later this year.

**5. Future Agenda Items**

Terry Ryan took over as meeting chair and reviewed the items for future agendas. Those items are as noted on the agenda for this meeting.

**6. Next Meeting Date**

The next regular Steering Committee meeting will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2012.

**7. Adjournment**

Co-chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.

The complete discussion and all actions taken at this meeting are on file (via recording) in PDS.